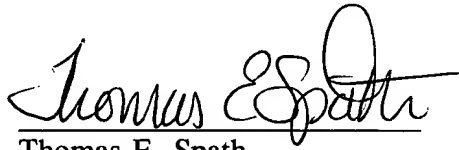


defined by the non-elected method claims.

The above is fully responsive to the office action. Prompt examination on the merits and issuance of a substantive office action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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